MR. V. S. ARUMUKHAM PILLAI: May I know whether any recommendation has been made by the Economic Depression Enquiry Committee about the exaction of tax?

MR. K. GEORGE: I am unable to say.

Introduction of Village Panchayat Union in Bhutapandy.

8. MR. V. S. ARUMUKHAM PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation from the residents of Bhutapandy *pakuthi* protesting against the introduction of the Village Panchayat Union; and

(*b*) the action taken by them in this matter?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government have decided that the Village Panchayat established at Bhutapandy may be tried for a year and that at the end of the year the question of its abolition or continuance may be considered in the light of its working during the period.

MR. V. S. ARUMUKHAM PILLAI: What is the object of Government in starting an experiment when the people are against it?

MR A. KUMARA PILLAI: Not all; only some of them are against the introduction of Village Panchayat Unions.

MR. V. S. ARUMUKHAM PILLAI: Is it a fact that the majority are against it?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI: After the Panchayat was instituted, Government received a representation that some people are against it.

Accommodation for pupils in the Vernacular School at Pulimat.

9. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*). With reference to the working of the Vernacular school at Pulimat in Chirayinkil taluk, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the present strength of the school:

(*b*) the total area of the class rooms in square feet:

(*c*) whether the total area of the class rooms provide accommodation to all the pupils, and, if not, for how many

(*d*) whether the school was closed for any extraordinary reasons during 1108 M. E. and if so, for how many days and for what reason

(*e*) whether there was any representation made for providing more accommodation in the school, and, if so, when the earliest representation was received and what action has been taken thereon; and

(*f*) the total strength of the school in the previous school year?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) 302 (on the 19th August 1933).

(*b*) 1,280 square feet.

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